

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

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This application is related to the following co-pending, commonly assigned, U.S. patent applications: “Methods, Functional Data, and Systems to Represent a Storage Environment,” attorney docket no. 1557.001US1, serial number 09/997,602 file November 29, 2001; “Methods and Systems to Backup Data,” attorney docket no. 1557.002US1, serial number [[\_\_\_\_]] 10/086,597, filed herewith, “Methods, Systems, and Apparatus to Interface with Storage Objects,” attorney docket no. 1557.003US1, serial number 09/997,612 filed November 29, 2001; “Systems, Methods, and Apparatus for Creating Stable Disk Images” attorney docket no. 1557.004US1, serial number [[\_\_\_\_]] 10/087,230, filed herewith; “Methods and Systems to Interface Storage Objects,” attorney docket no. 1557. 005US1, serial number 09/997,350, filed November 29, 2001; and “System and Method for Characterizing Logical Storage Devices” attorney docket no. 1557.013US1, serial number [[\_\_\_\_]] 10/086,656, filed herewith, each of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.